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1. A method of supplying a replacement denture to a denture wearer upon the loss of an original denture, without requiring the assistance of the denture wearer to fit the

5 replacement denture, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a mold by depositing a material in surrounding relationship to the original denture before the material takes a substantially permanent set;

allowing the material to take on a substantially permanent set;

removing the original denture from the mold;

10 storing the mold with the mold retaining its substantially permanent set configuration; and

introducing initially fluent denture material into the mold and permitting the denture material to solidify within the mold when a replacement denture is subsequently needed.

15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the mold is formed within a container in which the mold is storable to allow subsequent fabrication of the replacement denture.

3. A method of providing a substitute denture to a patient upon the loss of an original denture, so that the substitute denture has a shape corresponding to a shape of the original denture so that a denture wearer can use the substitute denture in comfort, the

20 method comprising the steps of:

constructing a mold having a shape corresponding to the shape of the original denture prior to the loss of the original denture;

the mold being constructed by forming a first mold section conforming to only a tissue side of the original denture, the first mold section being formed of a material

25 having sufficiently permanent dimensional stability so that the first mold section will retain its shape for a period of time at least equal to an anticipated life of the original denture;

forming a second mold section conforming to all exterior surfaces of the original denture other than the tissue side of the denture, and

30 storing the mold and using the mold to form the substitute denture upon loss of the original denture